



# ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Dates to Remember:

**Church Service Times:**  
St. Johns - 9:00 am  
St. Andrews - 11:00 am

**Vestry Meeting**  
Jan. 11th at 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's

**Stephen Mnubi Visiting**  
Jan. 17th

**Annual Meeting**  
Jan. 24th after 11:00 am service  
St. Andrew's

**Bishop's Visit**  
Jan. 31st

**Retirement Center Service**  
Mondays at 10:30 am

**Christian Education**  
Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th  
**Wednesday School**  
3:15 to 5:00 pm  
**Adult Christian Ed.**  
5:45 to 7:00 pm  
**Youth Group (6th - 12th Grade)**  
7:00 to 8:00 pm  
All take place at St. Andrew's

# A Voice in the Wilderness



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### Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford



The report from the Senior Warden this month is, boy did it get busy. December, besides the holidays, is busy for everyone in the church. The Vestry tackled the budget for the next year at our last meeting after Mindy put together a fantastic draft. If you see her please thank her for all of her work. The budget was finalized to a finished draft that the vestry felt was realistic of the needs of the church. This will be presented to the church at the annual meeting on the 24th of January. The congregation should realize that not only the needs of the church need to be addressed but also the payment of the loan for the property that we are in the process of buying.

The search committee has been very active and our profile and information should be going to the Bishop in January. Which brings up that the Bishop is scheduled to visit our Congregation on the 31st of January. So January will be very busy with Steven from Africa on the 17th, annual meeting on the 24th and the Bishop on the 31st.

In getting ready for a new priest, a survey of the vicarage was made and it was found that we have some problems. Water running under the house has caused water damage. It is still in the preliminary stages as to what the damage is, but we will be having some expense there.

Thanks everyone for all of your hard work.

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Mary Lankford, Altar Guild

Thank you for your donations  
for the Christmas Poinsettias.



Lost: Does anyone know  
where the  
wooden candelabras are? There are two, which  
hold three candles each.



If you have seen them, let Mary  
Lankford know. Thanks!

“Stephen Mnubi, to whom who we are providing a scholarship to attend Msalato Theological College, will be coming to Virginia Theological College for the month of January 2010. We are inviting him to visit us in Pinedale and in Big Piney and participate in our church services. Some have suggested hosting a public meeting at the library also, but that is not yet decided. To pay for his airfare, the Tanzanian Connections Task Group decided to use the funds being collected in our Alcove offering...so PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY EACH SUNDAY...and we will gather the approximately \$600 that is needed☺

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December Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2009

Present: M.L. Baxley, Dave Lankford, Jo Crandall, Mindy Seehafer, Katie McClure, Cheryl Essington, Cody Saxton, Kenna Tanner, Dick Tanner, Jordan Vana, Norman Pape

Action items listed in Red.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** M.L. moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Cody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jordan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden:** Dave congratulated St. Andrew's on hosting the Festival of Lessons and Carols this year. There were over 144 in attendance and the reception after was a success.

**Old Business:**

**1. Search Process:** Katie reported that the search committee has created profiles and is gathering financial data. They will meet again January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

**1. Bishop Selection:** Dave Lankford explained that he has been contacted by Sandy Casey-Martus and Margaret Babcock to ask St. Andrew's members to sign their petitions to be considered for the Bishop position. He offered the paperwork to the Vestry for their review.

**2. Vicarage:** Jon reported that the floor has settled due to water leaks. We will need to make repairs after renters have vacated. There is no estimate of repairs yet.

**3. Budget:** Mindy presented a tentative budget and the Vestry discussed possible changes. **Mindy will make said changes and resubmit to be voted on at annual meeting by congregation.**

**4. ERD:** Cally has volunteered to be the ERD representative for St. Andrews. Jordan moved to appoint Cally, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**5. ECW account:** Sheryl Boroff has agreed to be the ECW treasurer. M.L. moved to add her as the primary signer on the account, Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Church Van:** The Wednesday School van is in need of minor repairs. **Jon will attempt to make repairs.**

**7. Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting has been set for January 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Essington- Secretary



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## TWO NEW NOMINEES JOIN SLATE FOR BISHOP OF WYOMING

The Oversight Committee for the Search, Transition & Election has certified the petition nominations for The Rev. Canon Margaret Babcock and The Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus to join the slate for the 9th Bishop of Wyoming, making a total now of six nominees. These two candidates will be officially added to the ballot for the Electing Convention once their Oxford background checks have cleared.

Margaret Babcock is presently an employee of the Diocese of Wyoming, serving as the canon for congregational and ministry development. Sandra Casey-Martus is rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Corpus Christi, TX and has roots in Wyoming. She was the executive director of the Alta Retreat Center for 10 years and the vicar of St. Francis in the Tetons from 1996-2005.

The resumes of these new nominees will be added to the [www.WyomingBishopSearch.org](http://www.WyomingBishopSearch.org) website as quickly as the holiday permits. The essay answers of all six nominees will also be posted as soon as possible.

The petition nominees join the existing slate of nominees offered by the Search Committee earlier this month. They are:

- The Rev. Rebecca “Becky” Brown, Rector - St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Foxborough, MA / Diocese of Massachusetts
- The Very Rev. Canon F. Michael Perko, Ph.d., Dean – Diocesan School for Ministry; Regional Canon; Assisting Priest, Cathedral of St. John, Albuquerque, NM / Diocese of the Rio Grande,
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Clark Michael Sherman, Rector – St. James Church, Bozeman, MT; Regional Canon; University Chaplain / Diocese of Montana
- The Rev. John Sheridan Smylie, Rector – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Casper, WY / Diocese of Wyoming

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The walkabouts will be February 24 - March 4 with the Electing Convention scheduled for March 20 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie. The consecration is set for July 24 in Casper.



## Search Committee Update—Tim Crawford

Your search committee has been diligently preparing our profile so we can present an accurate picture of ourselves and our churches to those that might be interested. Furthermore, it is important for potential applicants to “know what they are getting into” when considering an assignment in Sublette County. The process that Margaret Babcock has been helping us with is time consuming, but very rewarding. For those on the search committee it has been a golden opportunity for us to get to know one another better. The search committee members represent a broad cross section of our memberships. Also, since this is a parallel track with St. John’s in Big Piney it has been interesting and fulfilling to work with our friends there. There are subtle differences but great similarities between the goals and profiles of St. Andrews and St. Johns. We hope to find a partner to join us on our spiritual journey. The committee agreed that the importance of a partner rather than a leader is important. There is also an emphasis on intergenerational activities; a strong Christian Ed program for our kids while not forgetting that many of us are getting older. We are proud of our outreach activities and wish to continue our community leadership. The committee is pleased of the progress we have made and look forward to completing the assignment. We are also proud to represent both congregations and our communities and the beautiful area we live in.

# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	5	6	7 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm		9
10	11 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm		16
17 Stephen Mnuubi Visit	18 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	19	20	21	22	23
24 Annual Meeting	25 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	26	27	28	29	30
31 Bishop's Visit						

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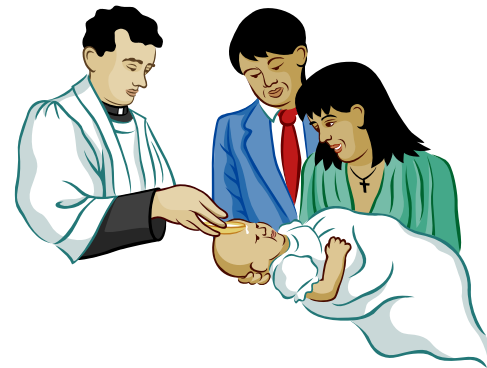
St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

January Update from St. John's

Hello Friends at St. Andrew's, and Happy New Year

Here's Big Piney's latest news:

We're beginning 2010 with the blessing of baptism! Hobie Engles will be baptized on January 3rd, and Hays Espenscheid will be baptized on January 17th. We welcome these boys and are happy to be able to be part of their growing lives in Christ.



After a refreshing and relaxing Christmas vacation, our church school and youth groups will be happy to meet together again in January. We look forward to growing and learning together in the new year.

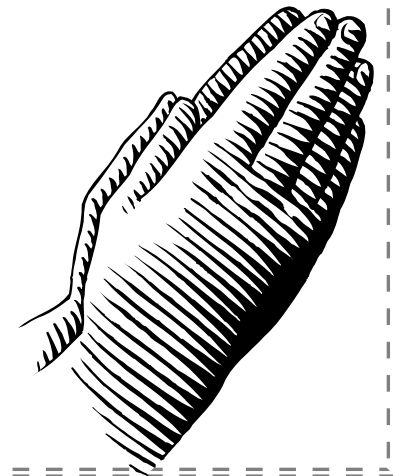
The search committee is making certain progress. We have learned so much about ourselves; this period of reflection has been good for us and it's been a blessing to renew and strengthen our bond with St. Andrew's. It's exciting to continue with this process and be able to see where it's leading us.

We join with you in sending Wes, Laura, and Emma our prayers for strength as they go through this painful time.

Wishing you peace and happiness in 2010~St. John's.

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**Many thanks to all of you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, emails & flowers. It has meant so much to feel God's love through you. We continue our journey through a multitude of emotions, feeling strength and desperation, understanding and disbelief, thankfulness and grief, yet confident of God's constant & gentle hands around our hearts. Much thanks and love,  
Laura, Wes & Emma Shields**



**The Tanzania Connections Task Group is asking for volunteers to go to Tanzania during the Summer of 2010 to meet face to face, get info on possible projects and return with ideas we can all enthusiastically help initiate. We have allocated about \$2,250 each for two**



**people to go. May or late August-September 2010 seems the best time. If you are interested, please contact Tom Davenport.**